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What's New?

- ✓ **Changes Due to Vision 100-Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act**
- ✓ **Environmental Streamlining**
- ✓ **Coordination of Airport Planning and Environmental Considerations**
- ✓ **Updated Environmental Guidance**
- ✓ **Environmental Assessments**

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- ✓ Delegation of Part 150 Noise Control Programs (NCP's) to Regions
- ✓ Compatible Land Use Planning & Projects by State & Local Governments
- ✓ **Hot** Environmental Issues

Changes Due to Vision 100-Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act

- ✓ **Repealed previous requirement for a Governor's air and water quality certificate for certain projects – duplicative of other laws.**
- ✓ **Permits FAA to accept funds from an airport sponsor to hire additional FAA staff &/or consultant services to facilitate timely processing, review & completion of environmental studies.**

Changes Due to Vision 100-Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act

- ✓ **FAA environmental decisions are reviewable only in the U.S. Court of Appeals.**
- ✓ **Provides for a voluntary program to reduce airport ground emissions by funding alternative fuel vehicles, refueling & recharging stations, & other low emission facility improvements....VALE**

Changes Due to Vision 100-Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act

- ✓ **Noise mitigation projects at congested airports are eligible for AIP funding if contained in a ROD even if airport doesn't have a Part 150.**
- ✓ **Prohibits approval of a Part 150 program requiring use of AIP funds to mitigate noise below DNL 65.**

Changes Due to Vision 100-Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act

- ✓ **Directs the FAA to implement an expedited & coordinated environmental review process for airport capacity enhancement projects at congested airports and aviation safety and security projects**

Environmental Streamlining

- ✓ Expedited process focuses on concurrent reviews, analyses, and permitting, to the extent practicable.
- ✓ Process in no way is to supersede or short circuit existing environmental laws.
- ✓ Specific deadlines are set for environmental reviews & permitting.
- ✓ State review & permitting agencies may join the process.

Environmental Streamlining

- ✓ **Unmet deadlines reported to Congress & CEQ.**
- ✓ **FAA defines the scope of the project to which other Federal agencies must give “substantial deference”.**
- ✓ **After soliciting and considering comments, Federal & state agencies are bound by the FAA’s definition of “purpose & need” and reasonable “alternatives”.**

Coordination of Airport Planning and Environmental Considerations

- ✓ For major or complex planning studies the NEPA process should not start until:
 - FAA has approved the local forecasts.
 - The need for the project has been sufficiently demonstrated.
 - Alternatives to the project have been examined and all feasible & reasonable alternative identified.

Coordination of Airport Planning and Environmental Considerations

- ✓ **Master plans or major planning studies should provide an overview of environmentally sensitive features of an airport.**
- ✓ **Get the community involved early in the planning process. It's too late if you wait until the NEPA process.**

Updated Environmental Guidance

- ❑ **FAA Order 1050.1E**

 - Final revised agency order issued in June 2004**

- ❑ **FAA Order 5050.4B**

 - Draft order issued for comment on December 16, 2004**

Environmental Assessments

- ✓ **Products can be disappointing and Federal approval problematic.**
- ✓ **FAA needs to be more proactive with the airport sponsor at the beginning - expectation should be clear!**
- ✓ **Airport sponsors need to select qualified consultants.**
- ✓ **Early & often consultation between the airport, consultant, and FAA!**

Delegation of Part 150 Noise Control Programs (NCPs) to Regions

- ✓ **Regions already have authority to approve Noise Exposure Maps (NEMs).**
- ✓ **Our goal is to delegate Noise Control Program (NCP's) approvals to the Regions by the end of 2005.**
- ✓ **Exception – Any NCP that contains a proposed airport access restriction.**
- ✓ **Washington will monitor for consistency.**

Compatible Land Use Planning & Projects by State & Local Governments

- ✓ **Pilot program authorized by Vision 100.**
- ✓ **Applicable only to areas around large & medium hub airports.**
- ✓ **Permits grants to state or local governments if the airport has never completed a Part 150 study or the study is over 10 years old.**
- ✓ **Limited applicability – 14 large hub & 19 medium hub airports identified.**

Compatible Land Use Planning & Projects by State & Local Governments

- ✓ **Program expires at the end of FY 2007.**
- ✓ **Program guidance about to be issued.**
- ✓ **Contact your Region and/or Airports District Office for details.**
- ✓ **Check <http://www.faa.gov/arp>**

Hot Environmental Issues

- ✓ **Noise Over National Parks**
- ✓ **Cumulative Impacts**
- ✓ **Environmental Justice**
- ✓ **Health Effects Studies**
- ✓ **Hazardous Air Pollutants**
- ✓ **Analysis of PM₁₀/PM_{2.5} Emissions**